January 18. 1893. —

My dear friend, —

I trust that by this time, our dear German friends have found relief from pain and hope the Damman family are again restored to health. — There is no doubt but that it was quite a sacrifice for you to venture so far away that cold Sunday. — It pains me to know how selfish my day was spent here in a warm quiet place. — The snow has been from two, to four feet deep on a level, so as yet my friends think it unwise, for me to undertake my heart's desire; of, Walking to the quarry, and conducting the Sunday School in the afternoon; in that old tumbled down wooden Country school-house,

where I know a good number would come together if only some one would lead.-

We too have had very, very cold weather. In fact, colder than has been observed here for many years.- However "Saw Bones" and "Eagle Eye" have pleasant and warm quarters and defy "Jack Frost" to enter under fire of "Aaron Burr."-

There has been more skating and "sugar off" parties during the past week than are usual for Oberlin students. I realy wish you might witness my improvement in skating. Quite remarkable I assure you.- Trust you will soon be favored with moderate weather in order that you may again enjoy that healthful exercise.

You ought to crochet yourself a skating cap, they are quite comfortable and would do away with the "Turkey" and sure to keep

your ears warm.-

I want to inform you that the actions of Mr. H.S. Vaile, are in no manner explainable by me.- I have scarcely seen the gentleman for three years or more. As to his "boy hood", he was as afraid of a "Madammoselle"(?) as a small boy is generally is of a school principal.-

However, he is no doubt harmless, and I should loose no sleep over the matter of his frequent calls, as he will soon be again in Large Yale, where Hon. Vaile is a Senior.-

So much for legal advice, which is cheap of such a nature.

Grace, I want to ask you to call on little Percy Palmer, for me and assure him that his suffer-ings will not long continue.- He is in constant pain and his father wrote

me that he talked about me very often. - I have written the dear boy, you know how I love those Agassiz boys of mine. They were all so eager to learn the truths of Nature wherein God speaks to us directly. - But how poor a leader was I, - my hope is that I may learn something sometime that will be of use to those about me. -

Your delicate present, - a bookmark. - now marks the one hundredth and twentieth page of John Halifax. I am reading some each day. -

The story is of practical value to me. - It makes me look back upon the days when I used to work for a living. - The simplicity of John, and his love for obedience and idea of serving others, is an example we all can follow with profit. -

The sternness of the "Senior Abel" is a remarkable characteristic. - But even the stiffest bow will bend. -

Shall pray often for your success in helping those less favored and wish you would do the same for me here. – I now am trying to help an old German Tailor here. – The poor fellow has a large family and trade is not very good. – Rents and coal consumption still continue.

We should be very thankful that we are blessed as we are. –

You no doubt wonder how I study and keep up my outside work. – I wonder too, but work I do and no one knows what I do outside but a few who receive such as my "mite" may be and a few associates. –

My sister Augustte sends her love to you.

Shall say good night! –

Your true freind, –

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